

East Lothian Council

FOI Ref: 2018/513137

1. Does your local authority have a Local Access Forum?

Yes

a. If more than one, please list these

N/A

2. If you have a Local Access Forum, how many times has this met over the past three years?

12

a. If more than one, please list these per forum

N/A

3. Does your local authority have an access officer, and if so is this a full time position?

Yes and it is a full time position.

4. How many legal cases pertaining to access rights under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 has your local authority been involved in?

a. How may pertain to access takers?

b. How may pertain to access users?

One where action was taken against the landowner.

It may help to explain that Freedom of Information legislation only applies to information which is held or recorded by a public authority. It does not apply to views, opinions, intentions or questions which simply require a yes/no answer. In view of this, some of the questions asked are not technically valid for the purposes of this legislation as they are not requests for specific recorded information that East Lothian Council may or may not hold.

In order to assist you, however, colleagues have addressed the questions posed to the best of their knowledge. For future reference, a link to the "Tips for Requesters" page of the Scottish Information Commissioner's website has been provided which you may find useful:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Tipsforrequesters.aspx>